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REMARKS

Claims 2 to 15, and 17 to 19 are now pending in the application.

With respect to the rejection to the claims 2 to 15, and 17 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, reconsideration by the Examiner of these claims is respectfully requested on the following grounds.

The Office Action states that claims 2, 4-6, and 17-19 are anticipated by Eklund, publication WO 02/087713. The Applicant amends claim 17 in order to overcome the anticipation rejection. Claim 17 now recites a step of "daubing a game card area associated with a matching designation for each designation of said first subset". The Applicant respectfully points out that none of the cited references provides a similar limitation. For example, Eklund's Figure 3 presents game cards having, on the right, the designations used to determine the game card areas to daub on the left. It should be noted that the designations "6", "36", "55" and "71" on the right have no match on the left side of the game card. Thus, these designations (i.e., "6", "36", "55" and "71") do not result in daubing a game card area associated with a matching designation, and as a result this step is not performed for each designation of said first subset.

In view of the above arguments, the Applicant therefore believes the rejection of independent claim 17 is overcome as are the rejections of claims 2 to 15, 18 and 19 for the same reasons as for claim 17.

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 2 to 15, and 17 to 19 at an early date is solicited.

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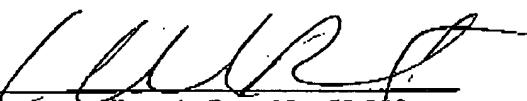
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In the event that there are any questions concerning this response or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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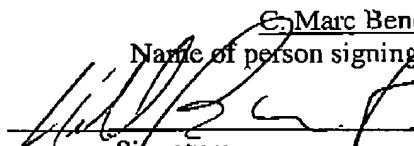


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